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REMARKS

Please add new claim 19 for examination.

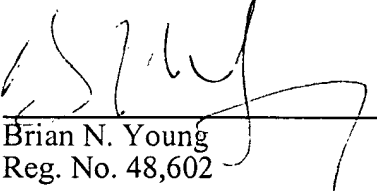
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 10. In a page server coupled to a network, a method of providing a
2 customized page to a user, wherein the customized page is customized according to the
3 user's preferences, the method comprising the steps of:

4 obtaining real-time information from information sources;

5 storing the real-time information in a storage device;

6 receiving, from a user and at the page server, a user request for a
7 customized page; and thereafter

8 executing a template program specific to the user using the real-time
9 information stored in the storage device as input to the template program to generate the
10 customized page, wherein the template program indicates items of interest to the user;
11 and

12 providing the user with the customized page, wherein the customized page
13 includes at least one item of real-time information selected from the storage device.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further including prior to the step of
2 receiving the user request the steps of caching the template program in a storage location
3 local to the page server.

1 12. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving
2 user preferences for the user, wherein the user preferences indicate the items of interest to
3 the user, and combining the user preferences with a generic template to form the template
4 program specific to the user.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further including the step of providing the
2 template program specific to the user to the page server.

1 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the page server performs the step
2 of combining the user preferences with the generic template.

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1 15. The method of claim 10, wherein the real-time information
2 comprises stock quotes, sports scores and news headlines.

1 16. The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of generating a
2 default user configuration for the user based on demographic information of the user.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of generating a default
2 user configuration comprises the steps of:

3 determining a default list of cities for a weather report based on user
4 demographic information; and

5 determining one or more sports teams for sports reporting based on user
6 demographic information.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the steps of determining
2 comprise the steps of:

3 obtaining user postal code information;

4 translating the postal code information to user geographic position;

5 comparing the user geographic position to geographic positions assigned
6 to each city and sports team; and

7 determining a threshold distance from the user geographic position which
8 is greater than or equal to a distance to a predetermined nonzero number of cities and a
9 predetermined nonzero number of sports team geographic positions.

1 19. (New) Using a page server, a method of providing real-time
2 responses to user requests from a plurality of users for customized pages, the method
3 comprising the steps of:

4 obtaining user preferences for the plurality of users, wherein a user's user
5 preferences indicate items of interest to that user;

6 obtaining real-time information from information sources;

7 storing the real-time information in a storage device;

8 for each of the plurality of users, combining the user preferences for a
9 specific user and a template to form a template program specific to the user at the page
10 server);
11 receiving, from a user and at the server, a user request for a customized
12 page customized according to the user preferences;
13 executing the template program specific to the user using the real-time
14 information stored in the storage device as input to the template program to generate the
15 customized page at the page server; and
16 providing the user with the customized page, wherein the steps of
17 executing and providing are performed in real-time response to receipt of the user request
18 in the step of receiving and wherein the customized page includes at least one item of
19 real-time information selected from the storage device.